



Superior Street Reconstruction



Questionnaire Responses Public Information Meeting #1

Greysolon Ballroom
Tuesday, October 22 / 4:30 P.M.

Questionnaire Response No. 1

Please tell us about yourself:

Customer/Client of Superior Street, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Driver

Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?

Response: n/a

Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?

Response: n/a

Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?

Response: n/a

Additional Comments

Response:

"Traffic Flow to Park Point for residents. The downtown/canal Park, freeway exits to Railroad St & Lake Avenue have reached the SATURATION point/"High Mark" of congestion the summer <of> 2013. Yes, tourism is great for the economy. Yet, please consider the residents. More than once this summer I've been @ a vehicle standstill for 40" on a routine weekday. One of my neighbors was stuck 2 hours. Traffic control-congestion-parking must be improved. Another major concern is emergency vehicles (ambulance-fire engines) being delayed to & from the Point. There has actually been no room either lane for emergency vehicles.

Another frustrating area of congestion of traffic flow is Lake Avenue and Superior St. See my additional paper with my drawing. Thank you <signature>"

Note: A drawing was attached to the comment that depicts the Lake Avenue and Superior Street intersection identifying the left turn from Lake Avenue to East Superior Street as a problem area with the comment "Need left turn arrow for traffic going down Lake Ave & <turning> left onto East Superior Street. There is a long backup of traffic OR wait for 2-3 sessions of red traffic lights for the front car that makes the <left> turn."

Questionnaire Response No. 2
Please tell us about yourself:
Business Owner on 1 st Street, Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: “Complete Streets! (Bikeways & pedestrian streetscapes & Lakewalk directionals). Now is the opportunity to make Duluth a more active transportation community that create a more walkable, bikable, and business encouraging environment. More Trees! Less cement & more green. Diagonal parking takes up more space. Parallel parking will provide opps for bike lanes & better, more enjoyable walking. Slow people down and they will go into businesses.”
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: “Support for complete street and education how it is <u>more</u> beneficial for a city that’s primary revenue is from tourists.”
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: “That we are looking at the big picture. The big picture is a more multi-modal environment. Is this happening during DTA multi-modal reconstruction?”
Additional Comments
Response: “More visible signage from Superior Street to Lakewalk & vice versa ie: what businesses are at certain locations. *ART—support local artists. Our City has been nationally recognized as an outdoorsy & active community—let’s continue to prove that we have a healthy and active one.”

Questionnaire Response No. 3
Please tell us about yourself:
Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "THIS PROJECT PRESENTS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO UPGRADE THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM FROM STEAM TO HOT WATER. EVER-GREEN ENERGY IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "n/a"
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 4
Please tell us about yourself:
Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Focus on pedestrian traffic design/keep wide sidewalks. Add art. Lights low level (height)."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "cost/impact to businesses/residents"
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "I hope we can incorporate more green space and technology."

Questionnaire Response No. 5
Please tell us about yourself:
Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver, Work Downtown
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Build it for people! Parklets! Green infrastructure, bike & pedestrian amenities, reverse-angle parking, more use of parking ramps to alleviate street parking issues."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "bicyclists do not feel safe traveling on Superior Street."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 6
Please tell us about yourself:
Concerned Person, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Brighter surfaces that will last many years."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "life cost of materials and maintenance."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "it done correctly"
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 7
Please tell us about yourself:
Resident on Superior Street, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Nothing slippery like the deco-brick. We have ice-hill-elderly-don't need to slip. Cement can have design put into the surfaces. Good cement the best"
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "help preserve historical bldgs. Encourage tourists! We go to other countries and that what they show us."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "don't spend fortunes on research. First save our historical sites. Restore soon."
Additional Comments
Response: "more walkways for adverse weather. Don't allow the Last Place on Earth display to show-buy it-clean it up. Drugs can go elsewhere-they will anyhow-keep the Supr St-nice-safe" "*sometimes benches encourage the loiterers, smokers-as was the case in front of Greysolon last year." "underground parking may be needed (future)"

Questionnaire Response No. 8
Please tell us about yourself:
Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Making considerations for all modes of transportation. Consider bike lanes, bus lanes, or the possibility of bringing back the streetcar."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Consider the traffic volume changes during and after construction. Find ways to work around any tradeoffs that will happen during the reconstruction (loss of parking, and access to business."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "That businesses will have minimal impact from the construction. And make sure the street will be built with a 21 st century design philosophy."
Additional Comments
Response: "There will be frustration during the project, regarding convenience and business activity, but as Duluth has been going through noticeable revival, there is no better time then to take action on the great street for the future. If done well, the benefits

Questionnaire Response No. 8

will be very long lasting.”

Questionnaire Response No. 9

Please tell us about yourself:

Customer/Client of Superior Street Business

Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?

Response:

“n/a”

Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?

Response:

“My interest is in the short term disruption as it affects events such as marathons, parades, and street dances.”

Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?

Response:

“Re route of Grandma’s marathon and half marathons.”

Additional Comments

Response:

“n/a”

Questionnaire Response No. 10

Please tell us about yourself:

Business Owner on Superior Street, Property Owner on Superior Street, Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Driver

Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?

Response:

“Room for green things-trees/plants. Would like to see benches brought back @ Lakewalk entrance (middle of 2-3 Ave E). Consider short term drop off spots (for parking)”

Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?

Response:

“My business barely survived the 80’s bricking & that was during a much more fluid economy. Timing & length of shut downs are crucial. Alternate parking availability & walkways.”

Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?

Response:

“Dirt, diesel fumes & residue, being able to reach our business—flooding during construction-someone to contact with daily issues.”

Additional Comments

Response:

“My business has been at 216 E. Superior since 1975 and I hope to be able to continue and might have some perspective to lend.”

Questionnaire Response No. 11
Please tell us about yourself:
Concerned Person, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Leave the old school brick feel to it. I love the retro feel to it"
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Bike lane and turn light at Lake Ave coming down the hill."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "Time it takes for this to be done and how much will tax payers have to pay for it."
Additional Comments
Response: "what is done will be done but keep the personal feel of this. The Brick feel was Duluth."

Questionnaire Response No. 12
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Double lane traffic in both directions or turning lanes by Lake Ave"
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Traffic flow always congested around Lake Avenue."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 13
Please tell us about yourself:
Property Owner on Superior Street, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: “Stub in high pressure water line to the curb. This would allow business to hook in without tearing up the street. This is particularly important for owner upgrading building and adding sprinklers.”
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: “Parking, traffic/stop lights.”
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: “What will be the affect on businesses that have entrances on Superior St.”
Additional Comments
Response: “n/a”

Questionnaire Response No. 14
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Work Downtown, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: “It would be nice to have at least one bike rack per block.”
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: “Pedestrian should feel safe. Autos should feel subordinate to pedestrians.”
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: “Loss of character.”
Additional Comments
Response: “Dark Sky approved lighting please. Asphalt is Awful, ugly, smelly, hot, bad <frowny face>”

Questionnaire Response No. 15
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Superior Street needs to become more of a place with better pedestrian amenities and the ability to close the street for events."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "More space for people and less for cars. More street furniture."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 16
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Transit Patron, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Blank canvas areas for local artist/students to paint relevant historical, popular images. Complete Streets! Consider Bike/Ped traffic as much if not more than auto."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Actively connect with all people directly affected by project, door-knocking, input opportunities outside of meetings..."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "n/a"
Additional Comments
Response: "End up with a friendly, historical, creative streetscape that promotes local businesses, active transportation, and community connectedness."

Questionnaire Response No. 17
Please tell us about yourself:
City councilor
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: “*Use the opportunity to convert steam to hot water while St is being dug up.” “*Evergreen involved?”
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: “Loss of business and strain on businesses perhaps look at access on Michigan St temporarily.”
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: “--Connectivity w/Superior St businesses and canal park. --Length of time project will affect small business.”
Additional Comments
Response: “Limit parking to other areas for constr workers. Setup designated areas in lots below Michigan Street.”

Questionnaire Response No. 18
Please tell us about yourself:
Resident on Superior Street, Property Owner on Superior Street, Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: “Make Superior Street less congested.”
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: “Keep businesses open and accessible. Making Sup Street accessible to bikers & walkers & cars. Connectivity of canal park & downtown.”
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: “accessing my parking garage off Superior St. - That’s my <u>specific</u> concern.”
Additional Comments
Response: “n/a”

Questionnaire Response No. 19
Please tell us about yourself:
Resident on Superior Street, Property Owner on Superior Street, Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Great opportunity to improve safe bike lanes."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Finding a way to help local businesses survive the project."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "Being able to access my residence."
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 20
Please tell us about yourself:
Business Owner on Superior Street
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Bike lanes, more parking."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Getting businesses through the shut down."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "phasing: taking in to account businesses when deciding how long to shut down specific blocks."
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 21
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Allow for more off street parking, more double lanes in some areas for more easier flow of traffic. Push for more use of public parking ramps."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Making sure businesses are accessible during construction."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "just offering employment to local citizens."
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"

Questionnaire Response No. 22
Please tell us about yourself:
Customer/Client of Superior Street Business, Concerned Person, Pedestrian, Bicyclist, Driver
Q1: What opportunities for change or improvements should be made to the street layout or the streetscape?
Response: "Add <u>Recycling Bins</u> ! We are supposed to be a "green" city, be we have <u>zero</u> recycling downtown."
Q2: What issues or challenges need to be addressed for the project to be successful?
Response: "Increase parking on Superior Street corridor."
Q3: What concerns do you have for the construction?
Response: "Will there be pedestrian walkways open through construction."
Additional Comments
Response: "n/a"